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PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS REGARDING MID-RIVERS SECTION 251(b)(2) NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

WC Docket No. 02-78

Comments Due: December 30, 2004 Reply Comments Due: January 14, 2005

On November 15, 2004, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Mid-Rivers NPRM), FCC 04-252, setting forth tentative conclusions and seeking comment on a variety of issues related to the Petition of Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. for Order Declaring It to be an Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier in Terry, Montana Pursuant to Section 251(h)(2). Today, a summary of the Mid-Rivers NPRM was published in the Federal Register, 69 FR 69573-78. As set forth in the Mid-Rivers NPRM, today's publication in the Federal Register establishes the timeframes for comments and reply comments. Accordingly, comments on the Commission's Mid-Rivers NPRM are due on December 30, 2004 and reply comments are due on January 14, 2004. Specific filing instructions are detailed in the Mid-Rivers NPRM.

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